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INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTRE AT SUTARKANDI
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the International Trade Centre opened at Sutarkandi(Karimganj) is not functioning well due to lack of in-house facilities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c) Infrastructure work at Border Trade Centre Sutarkandi (Karimganj) was sanctioned under the erstwhile Critical Infrastructure Balancing (CIB) Scheme. Subsequently, CIB Scheme was merged with Assistance to State for Developing of Export Infrastructure and Allied Activities (ASIDE) Scheme. The project continued with financial assistance from State Component of the ASIDE Scheme. The implementing agency Assam Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation has informed that the first phase of Trade Centre was inaugurated on 12.1.2007 with incomplete works of overhead reservoir, warehouse and workshop, however, same has since been completed to take care of its urgent needs.